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1. On 22 March 1951, about 10 MIG-15s, which were covered with tarpaulins, were parked on the eastern edge of Dessau (M 52/E 06) airfield. Eight MIG-15s were counted on the southern edge of the field. (1) One jet fighter which seemed to be shorter than the other jet planes was parked in the south-eastern corner of the field. Its cockpit, which was longer than that of the other planes, had no plexiglass cover in the rear. (2)

Two PO-2s and five single-engine low-wing monoplanes were parked on the eastern edge of the field. (3) The total number of jet fighters could not be determined since some planes were aloft. The single-engine low-wing monoplanes had red propeller hubs.

2. There was flying with jet fighters between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. At 10:45 a.m. a jet fighter landed at the field and taxied from the western end of the runway to the southern edge of the field where other aircraft were parked.

(4) At 3:45 p.m., eight jet fighters took off in elements of two at intervals of 30 seconds. Two minutes later, plane took off. The aircraft used almost the entire length of the runway for the take off. At about 4:10 p.m. the aircraft landed individually at the field. Two radio trucks were seen at the take-off point. Along the runway there were white markers about 50 to 75 cm high and about 30 meters apart.

3. On 24 March, individual single-engine low-wing monoplanes with radial engines practiced flying throughout the day.

4. On 25 March between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., about 20 MIG-15s, several PO-2s, and conventional aircraft were seen on the airfield. There was no flying. No aircraft dispersal area or parked aircraft were seen in the woods on the western edge of the field. A radio truck with three whip antennae was seen next to the flight control station on the southern edge of the field. The stationary radio installation, in the northeastern corner of the field, had a mast which had four guy wires each one third and two thirds of the way up the mast.

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Comments.

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- (1) The airfield is occupied by one fighter regiment. At least 30 MiG-15s have been seen in Dessau.
- (2) Only jet aircraft types MiG-15 and type-16 have been observed in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The description is possibly an error in observation.

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- (3) Probably Yak-11s.

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